

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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MITSUAKI AMEMIYA)	
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Application No.: 09/487,718)	
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Filed: January 19, 2000)	
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Commissioner for Patents
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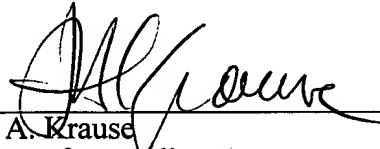
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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			APPLICANT MITSUAKI AMEMIYA			
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	3,554,816	1/12/71	MOEN	136	233	8/23/67
	4,118,986	10/10/78	WERNER, ET AL.	G01K	13/02	6/8/77
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	5,162,072	11/10/92	AZAD	C30B	15/00	12/11/90
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	EP0338411 A2	10/25/89	EUROPE	C30B	11/00	YES
	EP0889148 A1	1/7/99	EUROPE	C30B	11/00	YES
	EP0463229 A1	1/2/92	EUROPE	B22D	27/94	NO
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
	European Search Report for Application No. 03023443.9-2119					
	Article published in <i>Journal of Crystal Growth</i> in October 1991, by Caram et al., entitled Directional Solidification of Pb-Sn Eutectic With Vibration, pgs. 249-254.					
	Article published in <i>Journal of Crystal Growth</i> in 1991, by Wang, et al., entitled Crystal growth of Cr ³⁺ :LiCaAlF ₆ by Bridgman technique, pgs. 176-179.					
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